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**A REMINDER TO CANDIDATES THAT PLACING POLITICAL SIGNS  
IN STATE HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY IS AGAINST THE LAW  
LAW AIMS TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is once again reminding candidates for public office and their representatives that state law prohibits the placement of political signs in state highway rights-of-way.

These signs can restrict motorists' sight distances, create unsafe conditions and interfere with highway maintenance activities. State statute (RSA 664:17) governs the placement and removal of political signs. Under the provisions of the law:

- (1). The placement of political signs within the highway right-of-way is prohibited.
- (2.) Permission of the landowner must be granted to place signs on private property.
- (3.) All legally placed political advertising shall be removed by the second Friday following the election, unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a winning candidate.

New Hampshire law (RSA 236:27) also bans the placement of political signs on highway signs, bridges, delineator posts and utility poles. Also, signs on private property must not obstruct traffic signs or signals, or restrict the ability of a motorist to see an intersection. If they do, they will be considered a traffic hazard and removed (RSA 236:1, RSA 236:73).

NHDOT Commissioner Carol Murray has written letters to political party chairs in New Hampshire, asking them and their candidates for their cooperation. Illegally placed political signs will be removed by NHDOT maintenance personnel and taken to local patrol facilities where their owners can claim them.